

LIVES BARELY SAVED

Sch. Willie MacKay Sunk as Captain
Boarded Rescuer.

CREW 28 HOURS AT THE PUMPS.

Narrowly Escaped Collision with
Portuguese Bark.

The rescued men of sch. Willie A. MacKay of Provincetown, who were saved by sch. Talisman of this port as before reported, have arrived home and tell a thrilling story of a desperate battle for life on the Banks. The vessel was literally battered to pieces by degrees during the storm, and herculean labor at the pumps alone enabled the men to keep the doomed bulk long enough above the sea to insure their rescue after nearly 38 hours of peril and suffering.

The schooner was fishing near the Virgin Rocks when the gale struck, and had good fishing, having 3000 quintals of cod fish, and had out 250 fathoms of cable with 30 fathoms of chain and a 725-pound anchor. The only sail which it was possible to carry was the trysail, with bonnet out, and the sea was heavy on Wednesday night, after the gale commenced, but nothing to what was encountered after midnight.

The MacKay was the last of the fleet to go adrift, and had several narrow escapes early in the gale, two or three vessels at anchor dead to windward going adrift in the darkness. A French brig and one or more other crafts went by them, just torn from their cables to windward, but in the murk and clamor of the storm it was impossible to determine their plight. These went past at 3 a. m.

At 3 30 a. m., the big Portuguese bark Navagador came down upon them. The seas were running at mountainous heights at the time, and it was a desperate task to get forward, owing to the torrents of water that poured in over the bows, but the crew worked their way to the windlass and hung on there, buried to the necks in the seas as they boiled over them, watching anxiously, hoping meanwhile that the oncoming and unmanageable mass might be swept clear to port or starboard, thus enabling them to hang to their anchor, but ready with axes to strike and sever the cable at the crucial moment.

Just as they were on the point of driving the steel through the cable the tide gave a sheer to the Portuguese that carried him a little away from the line of his former drift, and the next instant the great hull, with spars swaying and yardarms almost touching the water, flew past right in the trough of the sea, with decks full, and went out of sight as quickly as she had come. As she went past, her yards barely missed the schooner's masts. Had they fouled, it is likely both would have been carried down.

An hour or two previous to this hair-raising incident the vessel sprung a leak, requiring the constant working of the pumps to keep the leak under. Luckily they had two up-to-date pumps, or the schooner could not have survived the gale. The crew were divided into watches, manned each pump with three men, and kept them going full tilt till the final act.

The spare men of each watch were put in the main rigging, where they main-

tained a lookout for the bigger seas, and when they saw one that seemed about to burst over the rails they would shout the alarm and the men at the brakes would drop all and leap for safety to the fore-gaff, which had been cleared for that purpose.

One giant wave burst against the starboard side and went across in a solid breaker. It started the house from its deck fastenings, opening the decks on either side of the house and letting the water through into the cabin in streams. The schooner had 22 dories in good shape when the gale came on, but almost every one was smashed piecemeal before the end.

The seas were terrible, striking the craft some awful blows occasionally. Some of the worst struck full on the bows, which were badly shattered, several of the planks having started outward. The leak was enormous, but the crew hoped to be able to keep her afloat till the subsidence of the storm, but instead of blowing itself out the storm grew worse, so they kept on steadily at the pumps, the men relieving each other as necessity required.

At 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon the cable parted and the vessel went adrift, and for a while lay in the trough with the seas banging right over the hull, but the long string of cable remaining attached to the hawse pipe and the bit of trysail quickly brought her head to the wind, thus escaping the full sweep of the sea. But for the fact that the cable parted well ahead of the hull and constituted a drag, the craft should have fared much worse. Then the after part of the hull received additional heavy shocks that served to weaken that end.

The leak increased, the water rising in the hold despite the steady pumping, and through the night it was a question

whether they should again behold the dawn of another day. When morning came the wind moderated sensibly, but the sea was very wild, and the craft set low in the water. A half-dozen of the dories remained sound. The bowsprit was twisted and loosened, standing sadly out of line with the hull, and the rudder had been torn off and lost during the night, but thinking that they might yet be able to work her to land, the men hove in the cable intending to use it in the construction of a makeshift rudder.

About 6 o'clock they saw the Talisman under bare poles, far away, but dead to leeward, and hoisting the three-reefed foresail they kept off for her. Getting close to her, several dories were smashed by the sea in attempting to launch them, and but two remained when the Talisman's crew put off in their dories. When the dories were put over, all hands left the pumps for the first time for 28 hours, but it took two hours to take the men off, it being so rough that only three could be taken in a dory, and as Capt. Johnson of the MacKay was going up over the side of the Talisman, the former craft went down.

One of the crew of the MacKay, George Naugher of Somerville, is missing. He left the vessel a day or two before the gale and visited a Portuguese vessel at a distance, remaining on board her that night and next day, when he visited another craft near her, procured food and drink and pushed off, announcing his purpose to go in to land, as the wind was ahead for him to try to reach his vessel.

Halibut Sales.

The fare of sch. Arbutus sold to the New England Fish Co. and Gardner & Parsons for 12 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

Tuesday, Sept 25th

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Blanche, Western Bank, 100,000 lbs. fresh cod, 15,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Emma W. Brown, Boston Bay, 30 bbls. fresh mackerel.
Sch. Pluribustah, Boston Bay, 10 bbls. fresh mackerel.
Sch. Josie M. Calderwood, Labrador Coast, 100,000 lbs. fletched halibut.
Sch. Arbutus, Quero Bank, 16,000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Anglo Saxoa, Bacalieu Bank, 35,000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Eddie Smith, Boston Bay, 30 bbls. fresh herring.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Louisa Polleys, Georges.
Sch. Dauntless, seining.
Sch. Henry M. Stanley, seining.
Sch. Kearsarge, seining.
Sch. Nourmahal, seining.
Sch. Massasoit, seining.
Sch. Caroline Vought, seining.

To-day's Market.

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$3 1-2 per cwt., medium do., \$2 1-2; large trawl Georges, \$3 1-4, medium do., \$2 3-8; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$3 1-4; medium do, \$2 3-8; large trawl bank cod, \$2 1-4; medium do., \$1 3-4; large dory handline cod, \$2 1-2, medium do., \$2.

Splitting prices, large cod, \$1.85; medium do., \$1.20; snapper do., 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.15; snapper do., 40 cts.; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Rips cod, \$3.75 per cwt. for large, \$2.50 for medium and \$1.50 for snappers.

Outside sales dory handline cod, \$2.85 per cwt. for large and \$2.25 for medium.

Outside sales of bank cod \$2.75 and \$2.10 per cwt. for large and medium.

Outside sale of Georges cod, \$4 1-8 per hundred weight for large and \$2.75 for medium.

Bank halibut, 12 cents per lb. for white and 8 cents for gray.

Fresh mackerel, 6 cents apiece.

Salt mackerel, \$13 3-8 per bbl. for rimmed and \$12 3-8 for plain.

Fletched halibut, 6 1-4 cents per lb.

Boston.

Sept. 25—Ar., sch. Arbitrator, 60,000 cod, 15,000 halibut.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 6000 haddock, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 4500 haddock, 9500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Robert & Carr, 9000 haddock, 1400 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Nickerson, 17,000 cod.

Sch. J. F. McMorrow, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Elmer E. Randall, 8000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Klondike, 9000 pollock.

Sch. Lucy E., 1000 cod, 9000 pollock.

Sch. Distant Shore, 8 bbls. fresh herring.

Steamer Empress, 50 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. B. A. Kimbal, (two trips), 80 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Alcina, 16,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Pythian, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Estelle S. Nunan, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 38,000 hake.

Sch. Philomena Manta, 1500 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Matthew Keany, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 1500 haddock, 4500 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. Nellie G. Adams, not reported.

Sch. Elsie M. Smith, 50,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 6000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 15,000 hake.
Sch. I. J. Merritt, Jr., 3500 haddock, 25,000 cod, 7000 hake, 6000 cusk.
Sch. Gracie Freeman, 25 bbls. fresh herring.
Steamer F. S. Willard, 160 bbls. fresh mackerel.
Haddock, \$2 to \$3; cod, \$2 to \$3.50; pollock, \$1 to \$1.25; halibut 12 cts.; fresh mackerel, 8 cts.

Mackerel News.

The fare of fresh mackerel of sch. Emma W. Brown sold to W. W. Wonsen at 7 1/4 cents apiece.
Steamer F. S. Willard landed 160 bbls. of fresh mackerel at Boston this morning. The fish were taken off Boon Island on Monday and sold for 8 cents each.
The fares of schs. Kearsarge and Edward A. Perkins sold to Hall & Co. at \$13 3/8 per bbl. for rimmed and \$12 3/8 for plain.
The fare of sch. Alice S. Hawkes sold to Hall & Co. at \$13 per bbl.
The fare of sch. Marguerite Haskins, all plain, sold to William H. Jordan at \$12 3/8 per bbl.

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Sch. Nellie G. Davis, Jeffe ies Bank, 30,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. E. A. Hooper, shore, 30 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Estelle S. Nunan, shore, 45,000 lbs. hake.
Sch. Centennial, Maine coast, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Rob Roy, Boston Bay, 25 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Kentucky, Boston Bay, 100 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Lewis H. Giles, Boston Bay, 20 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Arbitrator, Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Helen G. Wells, seining.
Sch. Robin Hood, seining.
Sch. M. H. Perkins, pollocking.
Sch. Dreadnaught, halibuting.
Sch. Nannie C. Bohlin, halibuting.
Sch. Edward A. Perkins, seining.
Sch. Wm. H. Rider, halibuting.
Sch. Kearsarge, seining.
Sch. Triton, Georges.
Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges.
Sch. Vigilant, shacking.
Sch. Georgie Campbell, halibuting.
Sch. Eliza B. Campbell, halibuting.

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Bank halibut, 12 cents per lb. for white and 8 cents for gray.
Fresh mackerel, 6 cents apiece.
Salt mackerel, \$13 3/8 per bbl. for rimmed and \$12 3/8 for plain.
Fledged halibut, 6 1/4 cents per lb.
Fresh mackerel, 7 1/4 cents apiece.

Boston.

Sept. 25—Ar., sch. Lucy B. Winsor, 50 bbls. fresh herring.
Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 15,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Angeleina, 25 bbls. salt mackerel, 150 bbls. fresh mackerel.
Sch. Helen Miller Gould, 60 bbls. fresh mackerel.
Sch. Addison Center, 9000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, 24,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Mattakesett, 10,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 20,000 hake.
Sch. Mary P. Mosquita, 33,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 1000 hake, 400 halibut.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 15,000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Marshall L. Adams, 30,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. Clara R. Harwood, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. R. S. Jameson, 25 bbls. fresh herring.
Sch. Zephyr, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.
Haddock, \$2 to \$2.50; large cod, \$3; small do., \$1.10 to \$1.25; hake \$1; fresh mackerel, 15 and 8 cts.; halibut, 17 and 14 cts.

Boothbay Harbor.

Sept. 23—Ar., sch. Carlton Belle, handline dory fishing, Quero Bank, 400,000 lbs. cod.
Ar., sch. Bertha D. Nickerson, handline dory fishing, Grand Bank, 300,000 lbs. cod.

Mackerel News.

Sch. Angielena had 25 bbls. of salt mackerel beside her big fresh lot. The fish were taken off Chatham.
Sch. Angielena, Capt. Samuel Joseph, is at Boston to-day with a fine fare, 200 barrels of fresh mackerel, taken Tuesday in Boston Bay.

Sch. Helen Miller Gould, Capt. Sol. Jacobs, is also at Boston to-day with 75 barrels of fresh mackerel.

Fresh mackerel sold at Boston to-day at 15 cents apiece for large and 8 cents for small.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Gladstone is in the stream waiting for chance to sail on her Grand Bank trip. She will probably go to-day.

Sch. Mary Cabral is on Burnham's railways.

Fish Are Scarce.

This is the hardest season of the year for fishing boats all around the southern shores of Nova Scotia. A few of the fishermen try persistently with all kinds of makeshift bait, but the fish on the whole appear to have completely vacated the grounds. It usually happens about this time, though not often in so marked a degree as at present, but it is no sign that the fall fishing will not be as good as common when the herring in big schools get around.

Fisherman Drowned.

T. Griffin's boat, of Placentia, North-east, was out in the gale fishing on the Cape Cod shore grounds recently. She came into Ship Cove, N. S., three parts filled with water on Friday evening. All her gear was carried away, and worst of all, a fine young man of Marquese, named Smith, was swept overboard by a heavy sea and met a watery grave.

Poor Sardine Season.

Thus far the sardine canning season has been a poor one, and is far below that of former years. It is likely that the pack of 1900 will not reach over 300,000 cases against 1,500,000 last year. Herring have been extremely scarce in all the weirs of Passamaquoddy bay and the Bay of Fundy this summer, many days passing without a sign of a fish.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Anglo Saxon sold to the Atlantic Halibut Co. at 12 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

Sept. Thursday 27th

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Sch. Golden Rod, Maine Coast, 127 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Emerald, Boston Bay, 35 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Pauline, dory hand lining, Quero Bank, 35,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Pythian, La Have Bank, 40,000 fresh fish.
Sch. Golden Hope, dory hand lining, Quero Bank, 220,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Electa D. Eaton, Boston Bay, 31 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Rob Roy, Boston Bay, 25 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Landseer, dory hand lining, Virgin Rocks, 300,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Edith S. Walen, seining.
Sch. Lucy Devlin, seining.
Sch. Nellie N. Rowe, seining.
Sch. Clara R. Harwood, via Boston.
Sch. Clara L. Littlefield, via Boston.
Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, seining.
Sch. Corsair, seining.
Sch. Eddie Minot, seining.

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Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, 25,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 3000 haddock, 8000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Oceanus, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sloop Venus, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Edith Emery, 10,000 haddock, 5000 hake.